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WHEREAS,

Montgomery County's Department of Public Libraries was established in 1921 to provide books and information to the

residents of Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS,

Montgomery County's growth has been reflected in the growth of its public library system from seven libraries in 1951 to 21 full-service

branches and a "Virtual" Services Branch in 2011; and

WHEREAS,

Montgomery County Public Libraries provides books, electronic resources, internet access, information and relevant programming to persons of all ages and interests, while emphasizing intellectual

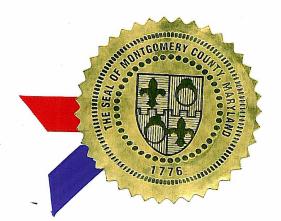
freedom and equal access to library services; and

WHEREAS,

Montgomery County Public Libraries is recognized as one of the leading metropolitan public library systems in the country, a fact reflected in its recent national *Three-Star Rating* and other recognitions that have been received throughout the past six decades;

NOW, THEREFORE, DO WE,

Isiah Leggett as County Executive, and Valerie Ervin as County Council President, hereby commend to the attention of all residents the observance of the



60th ANNIVERSARY of MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

We encourage our residents to support Montgomery County Public Libraries as it continues its tradition of high quality service to all customers.

Signed this $_3rd$ $_day of$ $_June$ $_in the year$ $_2011$ $_.$

County Executive

County Council President